Ordinance No. 12-09

ORDINANCE:

To adopt the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan as an amendment to the adopted Master Plan for Rockville

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Rockville did, by Ordinance No. 24-02, adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan (the "Master Plan") for the City of Rockville (the "City"), and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") under the provisions of Section 3.07 of Article 66B or the Annotated Code of Maryland may recommend adoption of any amendment or extension of or addition to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council requested the Planning Commission to make, approve and recommend to the Mayor and Council a neighborhood plan for the Twinbrook Neighborhood (the "Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan"); and

WHEREAS, in March, 2005, the Mayor and Council appointed an advisory group to guide the decision making of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the preparation of the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan, the City staff and the Advisory Group did carefully and comprehensively survey and study present conditions, projections of future growth of the Twinbrook Neighborhood, and the relation of the Twinbrook Neighborhood to neighboring areas and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan has been prepared for the purpose of providing a clear vision and guide for the future of the Twinbrook Neighborhood and to provide a framework for the neighborhood to maintain its sense of community and identity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2007, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing as required by law; and

WHEREAS, on October 10 and November 14, 2007, the Planning Commission conducted additional public hearings on the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2008, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution approving the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan dated June 2008; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council is required to adopt amendments to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council held a public hearing on October 13, 2008, to receive further public comments on the approved Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan submitted by the Rockville Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan defines a vision and describes expectations for the Twinbrook Neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan be, and the same is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville, said Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan consisting of the publication entitled "Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan" dated April 2009.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of April 27, 2009.

Claire F. Funkhouser, CMC, City Clerk